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Lake Piru Recreation Area Evacuated, United Water Tracking Fire Activity

Piru, CA (August 8, 2025) — United Water Conservation District (UWCD) is actively monitoring the Canyon Fire for additional threats to local facilities and potential safety impacts. The fast-moving fire broke out in the afternoon of August 7th and has charred more than 4,800 acres as of this morning.

“We’ve already evacuated Lake Piru out of an abundance of caution, and we’re closely supporting emergency response efforts,” said Mauricio Guardado, General Manager of United Water Conservation District.

The fire continues to burn in rugged terrain near Highway 126 and Interstate 5. Evacuation warnings have been issued for surrounding communities. In support of firefighting efforts, helicopters are drawing water from Lake Piru for aerial suppression operations.

"Lake Piru plays a critical role in regional emergency response, especially during wildfire season," added Guardado. "Thanks to careful water management, the reservoir is well-positioned to support firefighting efforts, even after a below-average rainfall year."

The Santa Felicia Dam, which forms Lake Piru Reservoir, continues to be a key asset in regional wildfire mitigation. Despite an unusually dry winter, reservoir levels remain above the seasonal average, providing essential support to aerial firefighting operations in the region.

The Lake Piru Recreation Area remains closed until further notice. Public safety is UWCD's highest priority.

For the latest updates, visit [ExploreLakePiru.com](https://www.explorelakepiru.com), [UnitedWater.org](https://www.unitedwater.org) and follow Lake Piru's official social media channels. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

<https://www.facebook.com/UWCDLakePiru>

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About United Water Conservation District

Since 1927, United Water Conservation District (District) has served as a leader among water agencies by managing, protecting, enhancing and securing the water resources of the Santa Clara River and Oxnard Coastal Plain. The District works to protect the environment's natural attributes and conserves runoff from all major tributaries of the Santa Clara River, including Piru, Hopper, Sespe, and Santa Paula Creeks. Committed to managing the area's water supplies through groundwater replenishment and the construction and operation of efficient water supply and delivery systems, the District serves as the conservator of groundwater resources that are utilized by the cities of Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula, and Fillmore, as well as Naval Base Ventura County and several mutual water districts, farms, and

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